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BRITISH CROSS 1917 TRENCHES OF THE HUN

HAIG SAYS HIS TROOPS BORE THEMSELVES IN A WORTHY HONORABLE MANNER IN DRIVING ENEMY FROM THE HINDENBURG LINE TRENCHES

HUNS SAY NEGROES CUT OFF EARS

(By United Press)

Paris Sept 10.—Striking toward St. Quentin from the south the French captured Gibocourt seven miles from the city.

The French are making progress in the direction of Haupencourt Essigny and Grand Seracourt, on the way to St. Quentin, and south of that city.

In the region of Nanteuil le Fosse near the west flank of Chemin des Dames two counter attacks were repulsed.

In the Argonne and Vosges sectors the enemy surprised attacks were repulsed.

The British below Epehy, attacking at 5:15 this morning in an assault over a three thousand yard front gained some valuable territory. Epehy is on the Hindenburg line a short distance south of Gouzeaucourt, where the British attacked yesterday, winning important territory

Paris Sept 10.—Latest reports of the situation at Lens, recently reported as having been taken by the British, say that these troops are astride of and beyond the town, which is filled with gas and German machine nests.

Berlin Sept 10.—Minor sections of the German trenches in Flanders have been taken by the British according to the report from the German war office.

Further announcement is made of the British attacking against Gouzeaucourt and Epehy, which attacks were repulsed, according to the German official statement.

Paris Sept 10.—The British today hold their old trenches facing the Hindenburg line at Gouzeaucourt as the result of a brief and brisk engagement.

According to captured orders the Germans proposed to remain here several days while retirement to permanent lines was being accomplished southward, but they were quickly crowded out.

This forecasts an early enemy retirement behind the main line here, though the Germans are not relinquishing ground without a struggle.

Immediately after the British took Gouzeaucourt the Germans counter attacked and pushed General Haig's men back behind the village, but they denuded the assault and gained all objectives and took fifty prisoners, while on the left the New Zealanders took 70 prisoners.

In the Woivre German artillery fire increased to the intensity of drumfire. This is the only activity on this front, except patrolling encounters in Alsace-Lorraine where all German raiders have been driven back.

The American negro, who recently held an important sector in the Vosges, is swearing to get revenge on the German barbarians. Refugees say that the Germans fear the negro because told

GERSON BRYANT WRITES HOME

Under date of August 13 the Commonwealth is in receipt of a letter from Bugler Gerson Bryant who is with Company F, 125 Infantry, American Expeditionary Forces, in France, and he thanks the people of Scotland Neck for contributing that the Commonwealth may go to the boys on the front.

He says that one day he was feeling blue when he had delivered to him six copies of the Commonwealth which told about home and what was going on here, and that cheered him up considerably, and has been feeling good ever since.

There are plenty of girls in France, he says, but he can't understand them. They say "wee-wee", which he now knows means yes.

"We are going to win this war" says Gerson "for we have got Kaiser Bill on the run, and we are going to keep him there."

This letter only shows that the local people can do most by furnishing every bit of local news; the coming and going of people, and every little scrap of news that will interest the boys in the trenches.

ENEMY U-BOAT SUNK IN ATLANTIC

(By United Press)

At an Atlantic port Sept 10.—The sinking of a big German submarine on September 1, in mid-Atlantic is reported by members of the crew of an American oil tanker.

The battle took place sixteen hundred miles off the coast and lasted for forty minutes.

by their officers that the negro always cut off the ears of their prisoners.

London Sept 10.—The British advanced south of Havrincourt during the night, General Haig reports.

"We have already passed beyond the old battle line of 1917 and made a wide breach in the strongest defenses.

"All ranks bore themselves in a worthy and honorable manner. The British have captured seventy five thousand prisoners and seven hundred and fifty guns in the past four weeks.

An effort is being made by the enemy to halt the Americans, who with the French, are flanking Chemin des Dames from the westward the Germans throwing in fresh troops between the Ailette and the Aisne front dispatches reported.

At Celle sur Aisne the enemy furiously counter attacked.

CONGRESS SAYS COUNTRY DRY JULY 1, 1919

(By United Press)
Washington Sept 10.—The house agricultural committee agreed to report favorably the amendment making the country "bone-dry" on July 1 1919.

MEETING COUNTY FOOD DICTATORS

Raleigh, Sept 10.—Mr. Henry A. Page has arranged conferences of county food administrators for the present month at the following places.

Monday, Sept. 16 at Asheville
Wednesday, Sept. 18, at Winston Salem.

Friday, Sept. 20, at Aaleigh.
Monday, Sept. 23, at Tarboro.

Tuesday Sept. 24 at Wilmington
All these conferences will begin at 10:30 and will comprise morning and afternoon sessions, when the most effective plans will be devised to get before the people the urgent need of conservation of all kinds of food stuffs.

CONGRESS MAY CHEAPEN HIGH COST OF LIVING

(By United Press)
Washington Sept 10.—Congress will attempt at this session to give the people relief from the high cost of living.

The first step to be introduced is a bill putting the country's meat supply in the hands of the government. This measure comes as the result of the disclosures made by the Federal Trade Commission as to the huge profits made by the packers, and the methods used in making these profits.

GERMAN SPIES TRACING U. S. TROOP LOCATIONS

(By United Press)
Zurich Sep 10.—The authorities arrested nine German spies during August whose work included finding out the location of American troops in France.

UNIVERSITY WILL SEE CAMP LIFE THIS YEAR

MEMBERS OF THE S. A. T. C. WILL BE SOLDIERS SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE, WITH PAY OF PRIVATES, AND WITH EQUIPMENT FURNISHED.

PRES. GRAHAM DIRECTOR OF ARMY CORPS

Chapel Hill Sept 10.—With more accepted applications from prospective students already on file than ever before in the history of the institution due in part to the new regulations governing the students' army training corps the outlook for a successful opening of the University of North Carolina September 26 when classes meet for the first time is especially bright.

Practically all of the dormitory space has been filled and other available quarters to take care of the large number of students expected are rapidly being put into shape.

September 24 and 25 will be registration days. It will be necessary for all students to register promptly. Examinations for the removal of conditions will be held September 18 to 21. "College Night" the occasion for introducing the freshmen to University life and activities will be staged about the 28.

Contagious enthusiasm and intense interest are being manifested in the new regulations growing out of the establishment of the student army training corps in numerous collegiate institutions.

President Edward K. Graham who is director of the student army training corps for the South Atlantic States, is being literally swamped with enquiries from this and neighboring states pertaining to the new system of training.

For the benefit of young men between 18 and 21 contemplating entering college this fall President Graham has issued the following statement, as authorized

by the War Department:

"All young men planning to go to college should carry out their plans. Such men over 18 will register with their local boards on September 12 and will be inducted into the student army training corps about October first.

"Members of the S. A. T. C. will be soldiers, subject to discipline, with pay of privates, and with equipment and subsistence furnished. Student soldiers will be kept under observation to determine qualifications as officers or technical experts.

"Transfers after a certain period will be made to officers', colleges or to school for further study or to cantonments for duty with troops as privates.

"A serious attempt will be made to keep the unit at uniform strength by continued admission from secondary schools and by transfers from depot brigades. Students will not ordinarily remain with college units after the majority of the men of same age outside the college have been called to camp.

"No units of the S. A. T. C. are at present being established at secondary schools, but the government hopes to extend instructions to such schools at an early date. There will also be vocational sections of the S. A. T. C. recruited by call through local boards. Academic instruction must be modified to have direct military value. Institutions that become members of the S. A. T. C. will contract with the War Department for housing, subsistence, and instruction of soldiers assigned as members of the S. A. T. C."

CZECHO-SLOVAK TROOPS CONTROL LARGE AREA

TROOPS OF THE SOCIAL REVOLUTIONARIES HAVE TAKEN RAILROADS AND ESTABLISHED COMMUNICATIONS WITH OLIVIANNA.

ARRESTS MADE FOR FEAR OF REVOLUTION

REGISTRATION NEXT THURSDAY

Every man between the ages of eighteen and forty six must register on Thursday next, Sept. 12, unless they have already registered, or are in the army or navy. Dr. J. E. Shields, chief registrar of this district states that the registration will be held in the old Mayor's office over the Palace theatre, on Thursday, Sept 12, from 7 in the morning to nine at night.

Every man who has turned his eighteenth birthday and has not reached forty six must register on that day, or will be liable for a severe penalty.

Everybody is expected to register in his own voting precinct so as not to overburden any one registration district.

The registrars are: Dr. J. E. Shields, Messrs W. E. Smith, A. C. Liverman, J. Bowers, and J. P. Futrell.

GOVERNMENT FIX GASOLINE AT 26c

(By United Press)

Washington Sept 10.—The price of gasoline is to be fixed by the government, the price is now being contemplated at less than twenty six cents a gallon according to information given out by the fuel administration.

LOSES REASON OVER WAR



King Ferdinand of Bulgaria is reported to have lost his reason over the war and his son is now virtually regent of the kingdom. The king is in retirement somewhere in Germany.

(By United Press)
Washington Sept 10.—Two hundred and forty English, French and one American have been arrested in Moscow by the Bolsheviks.

Consul Poole has turned over the affairs to his office to the Norwegian consul and has sent his staff and American citizens to Stockholm for fear of reprisals against Americans, and in order to save embarrassment in the plans of allied military commanders if the Americans remained.

Consul Poole is staying in Moscow in order to support allied colleagues and to observe developments.

Vladivostok Sept 10.—Direct communication with Olivianna has been established by the Czechoslovak troops in Siberia.

The Bolsheviks at Trozkovavsk are reported to have surrendered.

Tokio Sept 10.—It is reported that the vanguard of the Czechoslovak forces operating in west Siberia have reached Olivianna.

They have established connection with the Semenov contingent. Three hundred German Magyars offered to surrender themselves as prisoners of war to the Czech troops.

NORTH CAROLINA CONTRIBUTES TEN TO HONOR ROLL

(By United Press)

Washington Sept. 10.—Three lists issued today, two by the war department and one for the marines show total casualties of 957 men, of which North Carolina contributes ten, as follows:

Wounded severely; Sergt. Earlie S. Franklin of Wesser. Corporals Carl A. Jackson, of Salisbury and James M. Pike, of Alexander. Privates Van W. Flynn, of Asheville and John E. Young, of Cleveland.

Missing in action; Corp. Clannie W. Smith, of Etowah, and Privates John D. Rash, of Asheville, Fred F. Sorrels, of Wilbite, Hilary F. McClure, of Waynesville and Victor S. Rice, of Asheville.

In the total losses are found 156 who were killed in action, 220 missing in action 478 wounded severely, 50 died of wounds, 35 wounded to a degree undetermined, two dead from aeroplane accident, 9 died of disease 6 died of accident and other causes, and one prisoner. Of the above the Marines lost 19 men.

SCOUT MEETING TONIGHT

There will be a meeting of the Boy Scouts tonight at the School Building at 8:00 sharp. All are asked to be present.